Demonstration by I.I.T. teachers

1949. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : Will the the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that IIT teachers have demonstrated at P.M. House and submitted a memorandum of their demands ; if so, what is the response of Government thereto ; and

(b) whether the demands concerning revision of pay, allowances of the teachers and staff of other centrally run educational institutions have been conceded recently, partially or wholly: if so, what are the reasons for not conceding the demands of IIT teachers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government have since approved the revision of pay scales, allowances etc. of the teachers of IITs.

Conversion of Trunk Routes into broad gauge

1950. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has been repeatedly urging the Union Government for a more rapid conversion of trunk routes into broad gauge and also for laying new lines in the backward and other areas;

(b) if so, whether Union Government is not paying any heed to the development of Railways in Karnataka State ; and

(c) what are the facts and details thereof and steps Government propose to take to give a ew trust in Karnataka State ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) A new BG rail line between Mangalore & Udupi as a phase of the West Coast Line (69 km at a cost of Rs. 52 crores) has been included in the Budget for 1989-90. The on-going gauge conversion of Bangalore-Mysore line has been allotted Rs. 17 crores in 1989-90 Budget, which is more than 20% of the total Plan outlay for Gauge Conversions. Railway's have been asked to update the survey for the gauge conversion of Miraj-Bangalore & other connected branch lines in the region. Other proposals suggested by the Govt. of Karnataka had also been studied, from time to time.

Conversion of Bangalore-Mysore railway line

1951. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the work of conversion of Bangalore-Mysore rail way line from metre gauge to broad gauge is far behind the schedule ;

(b) if so, whether Karantaka Government has urged the Government to enhance the allocation for the said project so that the project is completed early ; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a) The progress on conversion of Bangalore-Mysore Metre gauge Line to Broad gauge is commensurate with the allocations that could be made for the project.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) With a view to accelerating the progress on this project, an amount of Rs. 17 crores has been allotted during the current financial year, as against Rs. 6.84 crores allotted in the preceding year.

Grants to Mahatma Gandhi University Kottayam, Kerala

1952. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total amount given as grants by University Grants Commission to the Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala in 1988-89 ;

(b) what are the proposals and projects forwarded by the University to University Grants Commission for grants and the amount involved , and

(c) what are the details of the action taken on these proposals ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) : (a) to (c) The Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, was declared fit to receive Central assistance under Section 12-B of the UGC Act on 27th June, 1988. The Commission has allocated a grant of Rs. 75 lakhs for its development during the 7th Plan period. In addition, the Commission has also sanctioned grants amounting to Rs. 5·50 lakhs under its Special Assistance Programme. The details of the grants for different projects requested for by the University, the grants sanctioned and released during 1988-89 and the balance grant to be released upto the end of the 7th Plan are indicated below :

(Rs. in lakhs)

Items	Request of the University	Grants approved	Grants released upto 1988-89	Balance
Development Grants				
Books and Journals	44.50	20.00	20.00	..
Equipments	103.00	28.00	28.00	..
Buildings	605.00	22.00	..	22.00
Staff	40.00	5.00	00.15	4.85
TOTAL	792.50	75.00	48.15	26.85
Special Assistance				
Special grants for equipment		4.00	4.00	..
Unassigned grants		1.50	..	1.50